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Anti-War propaganda. —
(Anti-recruitment propaganda).

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated 27th November *1940*.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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FROM

COL. M. D. VIGORS, D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops, Bangalore.

Chief's wk Compts

28/11/40

To

The General Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Lysore, B a n g a l o r e.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M Vigors
Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

Subd.
Obs may be sent to I.G.P. for taking such action as may be necessary to counteract anti-War propaganda.

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Subd with a draft to the I.G. with reference to orders supra.

RS 29/11

Copies may perhaps be sent to the Rev. Comr & Dy Comrs also. For perusal before conn

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Chief Secy

Yes.

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CPA 30/11.

From 2331 to 3rd Secy. for the Govt
2332 to 41 " to the R.C
Despatch

From The Chief Commandant. M.S.T
D.O 6723-C.C 1/41 to 3rd Jan. 41 forwarding a copy of letter from the Officer Commanding. 3rd myson Sqdn &c.

The C.C has suggested that Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao should take up the matter (re Contract baseless rumours and anti war propaganda). Subd for orders. If considered necessary a copy of the C.C's letter with the enclosure will be sent to the I.G for necessary action. Subd with a draft for orders.

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(I do not ~~[illegible]~~ think the rumours of the type referred to in the enclosure to the C.C's letter are believed ~~to any~~ by any large Section of the public) Draft to I.G.P put up ~~Section~~ Action, if any, to be taken D.A. is for consideration

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Chief Secy

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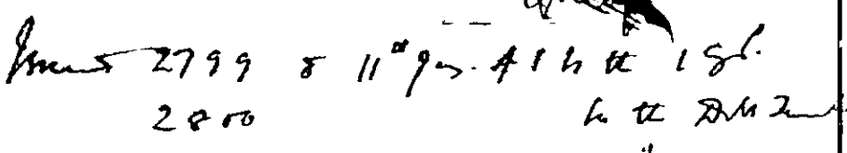

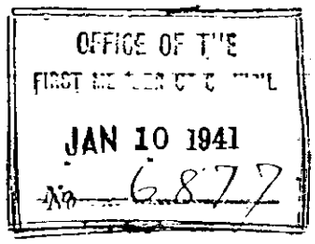

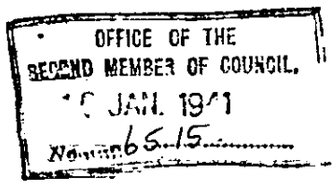

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Visited Hunsur. The Amildar and the Police Inspector were very helpful, along with the Sanitary and Revenue Inspectors, tried enlistment at Gowdagere and Somanahalli etc., But as almost all the surrounding villages are colonised by Mahratta retired pensioner of the Cavalry Units, they were inclined to be enlisted in Cavalry and their measurements being not suitable for Infantry, none were enlisted.

Again the party visited Chamarajanagar. The Amildar had taken great pains to help us with a good publicity, but with all that very few came forward and they were below the standard size. But by my private efforts, I was able to encourage many more candidates of suitable heights etc., to come forward to take up the job. They seem to be afraid of their Land Lords and Sahukars. As they are under debts, and demanded advances to clear up their debts before enlistment. However a few were enlisted.

Besides this, Landlords and Sahukars seem to be afraid of their loss of cheap labour and amount advanced on these men. They seem to be discouraging those who want to join this department. In this respect, I tried to seek Police help, but in spite of my intimation and that of the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, both the Inspectors, avoided to come in contact with the recruiting party, although I called at the Police Station in company with the Amildar both in the morning and again in the evening. I sent word to the Sub-Inspector of Police to meet me in Travellers Bungalow where I was put up. Then the party visited Kavalande where only the Revenue Inspector was met at his quarters in the village, neither the Amildar nor the Police did any thing except leaving necessary instructions with the Revenue Inspector. Here also the

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Sir, in the end, I have come to conclusion, that almost, at all places men seem to be affected very much and panic striken about present international situation, and this seems to have been caused by some unknown party just to prevent the willing hands from joining the Army, otherwise there are many strong, young and healthy unemployed boys who are desirous of taking up any service. I had to do my best to convince the public in every place, that they were being enlisted for Mysore Army, and also I tried my best to explain to them, the benefits of soldiers and I have tried and returned without giving room for any sensation, and have succeeded. I am sure of creating a desire and love among the public to take the Military service willingly. On account of which many boys from these places are already appearing personally at Mysore for enlistment, till to-day out of 30 vacancies to be filled up I have been able to select about 21 and I think that instead of going to suberb. I would be able to fill the remaining 9 vacancies at Mysore alone by the end of this month.

I request that concerned District authorities in Mysore State, may kindly be instructed to prevent any such false propoganda and panic being created in the hearts of innocent cultivators and labourers, and the culprits severely dealt with.

"Copy"

For Chief Commandant.

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SUBJECT.....

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Section W

File No. 161-40

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Sent

No. 2331/C.S.

To The I.G. Police.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue 3/12/40 ~~for information~~

I am directed to enclose herein
(P.O. 3645-6/C.C.1/40)
a copy of letter dt. 23rd Nov 1940
from the Chief Commandant, M.S.T.
~~from the Officer Commanding, 3rd Mysore~~
and of its enclosure,
~~Infantry~~ Co. to the Chief Commandant M.S.T.

Signed by Mr. M. K-V.

and to request you to kindly take such action as may be necessary to combat anti-war and anti-recruitment propaganda.

List of enclosures 1

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For Chief Secretary to Govt.

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Copy to Revenue Court
No 2332-41/C.S. " Dy. Comrs of D.Ps.
dt 3/12/40.

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 2331/C3

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, Bangalore, 2nd Decr. 1940. 193

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FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

I am directed to enclose herein for information, a copy of letter No.3645-5/C.C.1/40 dated 27th November 1940 from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, and of its enclosure, and to request you to kindly take such action as may be necessary to counteract anti-war and anti-recruitment propaganda.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) B.T. Kesavaiengar.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 2332-41/C3 dt 3.12.40

Copy of the above, together with copies of the Chief Commandant's letter and of its enclosure, is forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, for information.

M.K. Haradaraj Aw

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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M.K. Haradaraja Iyengar
For Chief Secretary to Government.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MANDYA DISTRICT,

No. Con 64/40-41.
Encls.

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Mandya, Dated 30th January 1941.

No. 2803

FROM

C.M.H. Ranajodha Singh, Esq., B.A:,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
Mandya District, Mandya.

To

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

C.B. 1/2/41

'I'

Adverting to your letter No. 2331/C.B. dated 3rd December 1940 requesting me to take action to counter-act anti-war propaganda I have the honour to state that the District Superintendent of Police, Mandya District, from whom I had called for a report in the matter has submitted his report stating that there has been no anti-war or anti-recruitment propaganda in Mandya District for the present, that he has issued instructions to Police Inspectors of all Taluks to keep themselves thoroughly and continually informed in this behalf and that necessary measures will be taken to counteract any such sinister propaganda.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Mandya District.

GENERAL SECRETARY.
3 FEB. 1941

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MYSORE STATE TROOPS.

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Tel. Address:—
"STATROOPS"

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMANDANT,

Bangalore, dated 8th January ..... 1941.

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CB. 11th/9/41/L

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

In continuation of my letter No.3645-6 C.C.1/40, dated 27th November 1940 to the General Secretary to Government regarding propaganda against recruitment, I forward, herewith, a copy of D.O. letter dated 2nd January 1941 received from Captain Jamaluddeen, Officer Commanding, 3rd Mysore Infantry Company.

I understand Congress speakers were at the bottom of this, but of course cannot be proved.

Police at Tumkur might have some evidence.

Such baseless rumours referred to in his letter militate against recruitment. In fact, difficulties are experienced in getting recruits, and this has been stressed by the Military Adviser-in-Chief in his report.

P.T.O.

I should like Mr. Hayavadana Rao to take up this matter.

Yours sincerely,

M. Visvesvaraya

Rajasevaprasaktha
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

MGK.

Copy of confidential letter Dated 2nd January 1941, from the Officer Commanding, 3rd Mysore Infantry Company, Mysore, to the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops, Bangalore.

In connection with the recruitment to the Mysore Army, I beg to bring the following few points which have come to my notice during my recent vacation tour in Tumkur District for your kind perusal and necessary orders.

Sir, when I went to Tumkur and further up from Bangalore, I had to travel by service bus, on the way and in the Tumkur City itself, I was surprised to hear men talking among themselves about a ship full of seven hundred men of Mysore Army, having been drowned in the sea.

On my private enquiry, I was told that at the time of recent Municipal Election in Tumkur City some men from outside Tumkur had come and spread such rumours, and Sir, whenever I knew and came in contact, I did my utmost as in duty bound to convince that such rumours are false and may be due to some mischief mongers.

I am of opinion that such rumours must be corrected early by giving vide publicity; otherwise, they are likely to frighten people from volunteering their services freely in the army. In fact, mine being visit to Tumkur in connection with bringing my family to Bangalore on account of the serious illness of my relative who is still lying as an inpatient in the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, I had no time. Otherwise I would have personally seen the authorities to ascertain the facts and take necessary steps.

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Gmallikarjunaiah

for Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

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Date of issue 11/1/41.

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File No.

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No. 2799

To The I G of Police.

Sir, In continuation of this office letter no 2331/CS of 3rd Dec. 1940. I am directed to enclose herein ~~for information and~~ ~~required~~ for information ~~and any necessary action~~ ~~necessary action~~, a copy of letter no 6723-C.C. 1/40 of 8th Jan. 41 from the C.C., M.S.T, & of ~~with~~ its enclosure: I am to request that suitable action may be taken through the Bazar Committees & Contractors & Hawkers such propaganda.

For Chief Secy to Govt

Copy of the above is forwarded w/a to the D. M. Tuticorin

SECRET.

No. 2799/CB

11th January 1941.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) B.T. Kesavaiengar.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 2800/CB Dt 11-1-1941.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the District Magistrate, Tumkur, together with a copy of the Chief Commandant's letter and of its enclosure.

For Chief Secretary to Government.